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In re Patent Application of:
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For: A TRANSACTION MEDIATION SYSTEM
AND A PRINTING MEDIATION SYSTEM
WITH USE OF THE FORMER SYSTEM
AND A METHOD FOR ESTABLISHING
TRANSACTION MEDIATION NETWORK

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S.
patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 4, line 2, please change "claim 1 to 3" to -- claim 1--.

Please add the following new claims:

--8. Printing mediation system according to the transaction mediation system of
claim 1 in which the object product for transaction is a printed matter, wherein: